

ONLY 9 TO INSPECT ALL D. C. BUILDING

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Overseen.

MORE MEN ESSENTIAL

Shortage in Healy's Office Requires
Peaceful Checking of Plans.
Pay Scale Criticized.

The entire District of Columbia is divided into only nine areas for field inspection work by the building office, giving each inspector more work than officials of the office believe one man should handle.

One official of the building office declared today that most of the inspectors have between 200 and 300 jobs to follow up at a time, whereas 100 is regarded as a reasonable number to be under one man's scrutiny.

One man is assigned to the whole area west of Rock Creek, while another is charged with everything across the Anacostia river, largely a frame house district.

Outlying Districts Large.
In the congested downtown section the inspection districts are small, but all of the new outlying developments, where most of the building activity is in progress, is divided into a few very large inspection zones.

If a row of ten or twenty new houses is being erected on one permit they are carried on the inspector's book as one job, but he must inspect each house in the row with the same care as though he were assigned to ten or twenty separate and distinct permits.

Although one plan is followed for all of the houses in a large operation, the inspector cannot go through the end house and say that the entire row is being constructed according to the regulations, it was pointed out.

More Still Needed.
These facts would indicate that even with the ten per cent men employed this year out of the special appropriation of \$20,000 allowed by Congress following the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater, the building office still is in need of more employees.

A report just submitted to Engineer Commissioner Keller by Building Inspector Healy shows that on December 22 the office had plans for twenty-five big buildings on file to be checked. One set of plans had been on file since September 6, the report showed. In order to reduce delay in permitting contractors to begin work on big projects of this kind, the office is studying important plans in piecemeal fashion.

Check Plans Piece-meal.
Instead of keeping computers on one set of blueprints until they are checked completely, the building office approves the foundation and passes on to another big job. The computers then aim to check the rest of the plans as the work progresses.

An increase in salaries is regarded by officials of the building office as of equal importance to the employment of more men. Especially is this true of the veteran inspectors on the permanent statutory roll, who are receiving approximately \$1 a day less than the temporary men employed this year on a per diem basis.

Receive But \$1,360 Yearly.
Practically all of the old inspectors are getting \$1,360 per year, while the new inspectors are being paid \$6 a day. The higher officials, from the inspector of buildings down, also have been listed for salary increases by the Commission in the past.

The committees of Congress have taken the position for several years, however, that increases for statutory employees of the District must await the enactment of the reclassification law.

"Men in the building office are being paid less than many of the mechanics whose work they must pass upon," said one official today, discussing the salary question.

ARBUCKLE AGAIN AT WORK.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Roscoe Arbuckle, who recently was "pardoned" by Will Hays after his films had been banned from movie houses, will appear in person at a New York music hall when two of his new comedies are shown on New Year eve. The music hall was the first place in this city to show the round comedies since the ban was lifted.

AUTOMOBILISTS GIVEN LEEWAY ON TAGS

No Arrests Will Be Made of Those
Lacking 1923 Plates Until
Wednesday.

The police will not arrest motorists for operating their machines without 1923 tags until after midnight next Tuesday.

This was decided upon by the Commissioners in board session today and means that automobilists who have not yet obtained 1923 tags will have until the closing of the District building on Tuesday to obtain them.

Up to closing time yesterday Supt. Coombs had issued only 36,000 tags and he estimates that he should sell at least 50,000. This means that there are close to 14,000 automobilists who have not yet obtained the new license plates. The license office will be open all day tomorrow and a large crowd of applicants is expected.

INDICTED IN SALE OF BOSCH ASSETS

"Dummy" Purchaser and Ex-
Official Named in Alien
Property Transaction.

\$406,000 IS INVOLVED

One Charged With Perjury and
Another With Embezzlement
in New York.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Martin E. Kern, alleged "dummy" purchaser of the Bosch Magneto Company's assets at an alien property custodian sale in 1918, and Joseph F. Guffey, former sales director of the property custodian's New York office, have been indicted by a federal grand jury which has for several weeks been investigating complaints of irregularities in connection with the Bosch sale.

Kern was indicted for perjury and Guffey for embezzlement, but federal officials admitted the indictments were supplementary to the Bosch inquiry and did not concern the alleged irregularities.

False Oath Charged.
The charge against Kern was that he took a false oath to act as an American passport when he was technically an alien last January. A series of embezzlements totaling \$106,000 were charged against Guffey, but it was made clear that these sums were received by the alien property custodian's office in sales other than the Bosch transaction.

Following return of the indictments the grand jury was dismissed and it was stated by Assistant Prosecutor Joyce that Kern and Guffey would be arraigned Tuesday.

Federal officials refused to discuss the status of the Bosch case, but intimated that should Kern be adjudged an alien, the Bosch sale would be vitiated.

BRITISH START WARSHIP.

Keel Laid for Battleship Sanctioned Under Arms Pact Terms.

BIRKENHEAD, England, December 29.—Without ceremony of any kind, the keel of the new battleship recently ordered by the British government, in accordance with the terms of the Washington naval treaty, was laid in a shipyard here today. Many men already are engaged on the advance work, and it is anticipated a large number of the unemployed gradually will be absorbed.

This is one of the two new warships the construction of which Prime Minister Bonar Law recently announced the government had decided to begin, as permitted by the Washington pact.

London Agog at New Fleet Move; Greek Army Hastens to Thrace

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, December 29.—The hasty return of the British fleet to Constantinople from Malta attracts wide attention here. Nothing is forthcoming from official sources to explain the move, but the obvious assumption that it is connected with the uncompromising attitude of the Turks at Lausanne is everywhere adopted.

There are still many foreigners in Constantinople and the dispatch of the warships is regarded as a necessary precaution in view of the possible attitude of the Turks in that city in the event that there is a breakdown in the Lausanne negotiations.

A dispatch to the Daily Express from Athens says the entire Greek army is moving toward Thrace, war being considered inevitable.

The dispatch adds that former Premier Venizelos telegraphed the revolutionary government advising it to send reinforcements to the Thracian front and asking to be informed of the number of troops there. A meeting of the cabinet followed and the army moved.

The reservists of the 1920 and 1922 classes, the dispatch adds, have been called to the colors. War Minister Pangalos has been appointed commander-in-chief in Thrace, and has left with his secretary for Saloniki.

PARIS HEARS GREEKS MARCH
PARIS, December 29.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says a report is current in a usually well informed quarter that military circles

in Athens are growing excited and that there is an inclination to believe the Greek troops, who have now been reorganized, are about to re-enter Thrace since the Mudania-Maritima frontier is held only by weak allied detachments.

The dispatch adds that it is felt in Rome that if the Greek staff carries out this plan the whole situation in the near east will be profoundly affected.

\$250 CUFF LINKS FOUND.
Lost Property Recovered in Second-
Hand Jewelry Store.

A pair of gold link cuff buttons set with pearls, valued at \$250, were

turned over to Edwin B. Hesse, police property clerk, today by Detective Thompson and Embrey to be returned to George E. Bedell, Jr., 309 C street, from whose house they were taken several months ago. It is said the links belonged to the late Gen. Robert E. Lee, who led the Confederate forces during the civil war. They were recovered in a second-hand jewelry store, where they had been sold.

REPRESENTATIVE'S SON DIES.
LAKEHURST, Fla., December 29.—Casian W. Drane, thirty-four, only son of Representative H. J. Drane, died here today after several weeks' illness. He was a member of the American Legion and several local clubs. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

OFFER \$10,000 REWARD.
Washington Police Told to Look
Out for Mint Bandits.

Copies of circulars containing an offer of \$10,000 reward for the arrest of the robbers who killed Charles Linton and robbed the subtreasury in Denver, Colo., of \$200,000 have been received by the local police. Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, warned members of his command to exercise the greatest care in arresting the bandits should they be found here. Local banks have been notified of the robbery and furnished numbers of the bills stolen.

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is a fitting climax to the wonderful opportunities of the year just closing. Response is the best measure to take of the importance of a Special Sale—and that has been immense—from the opening on Tuesday.

Saks Suits

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Light Tans, Grays, Browns—as well as the darker shades.

Special Sale of Silk Shirts

Broken lots of \$5 and \$6 Silks

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The most popular of the fine silks—Jerseys, Broadcloth and Crepes—plain white and fancy striped effects. Heavy quality; and of high-class make.

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, fancy border. Instead of \$1.25..... 79c
3 for \$2.25

Men's White Hemstitched and Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs. Instead of \$1.00.... 65c

Men's Colored Initial Linen Handkerchiefs. Instead of 75c..... 35c
3 for \$1

Men's White Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Instead of 50c..... 25c

Men's Thread Silk Half Hose, Blue, Brown, Cordovan, Gray and Black—Broken sizes. 35c
Instead of 65c..... 3 for \$1.00

Men's Black Cashmere Hose; hand-clocked in Silk. Broken sizes. Instead of \$1.35 79c
3 for \$2.25

Men's Cotton and Outing Flannel Night Robes, White and Colored trimming. 69c
Broken sizes..... 3 for \$2.00

Men's Wool Coat Sweaters; shawl collar; Shaker weave; Navy, Heather, Maroon, Brown and Green. Instead of \$9 and \$10.. \$6.85

Boys' Wool Coat Sweaters; Shaker weave; Brown, Heather, Maroon and Navy. Instead of \$6.00..... \$3.85

Silk Four-in-Hands—made with the Saks Service band. Many patterns and colorings. Instead of 65c and 75c..... 45c

Some better grades of Men's Shoes \$4.95

High and Low Shoes—including the new Winter Oxfords.

Black Calf, Tan, Brown and Mahogany Calf, Eric Grain Leathers, Patent Leathers. Black and Brown Kid—some are leather lined—leather and rubber heels. Goodyear sewed; single and double stitched soles.

Some are regular Brogues, others College Oxfords, French or Square toes; English and Semi-English—as well as many conservative shapes.

All sizes and widths in the combined lots.

Boys' New Scotch Grain Brogues—Tan Elk Munson-last Shoes; Semi-Brogues, English and Foot-form shapes—in Brown, Mahogany, Tan and Black, with rubber heels. Sizes 10 to 13½ and to 5½. Values up to \$6. Saturday only \$3.95



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They are made out of exactly the same goods that go into men's \$30 to \$40 Overcoats.

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Shetlands and Tweeds; Herringbones and Cheviots—with plaid or two-toned backs; Double-breasted, Raglan shoulder with belt all around. Convertible collar. In the light Grays, Browns, Tans, etc.

Boys' Suits

\$12.50 to \$15 Grades

\$10.75

Small lots of some of the best selling Suits—including "Right Posture." Two pairs of pants—both full lined. Sizes 8 to 18 years. All two-pants.

Boys' Novelty Suits—Corduroy Button-on style—Blue, Brown and Mouse color—\$1.69 sizes 4 to 8 years.

Boys' Shirts—plain White and Tan; Cheviot; others in plain Gray, Green and Blue; button-down collars. Sizes 12½ to 14. SPECIAL.. 95c

Boys' Blouse Waists—Madras, in attractive fancy patterns; collars attached. Sizes 6 to 16 years 89c

Boys' Domet Pajamas—one-piece fastening with silk frogs. Sizes 8 to 16 years, \$1.45

Men's Soft Hats

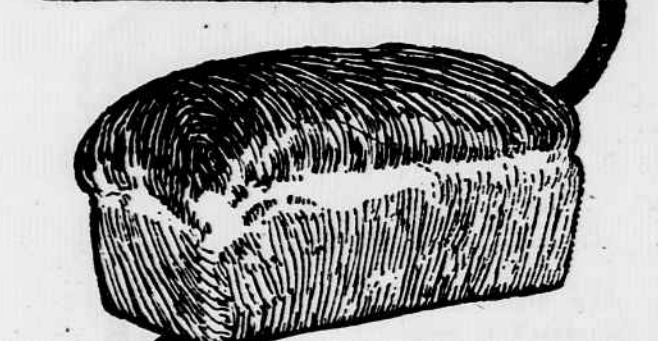
—grades up to \$5.00—

\$2.85

They are all in the desirable shapes—and wanted colors; and finished as our \$5 Hats all are. There's a limited quantity—and we want to get them all out as the year goes out. Sizes 6¾ to 7½.

Boys' Golf Caps; Tweeds and Plain Colors, including Blue Serge. Instead of \$1.25 and \$1.50..... 75c

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